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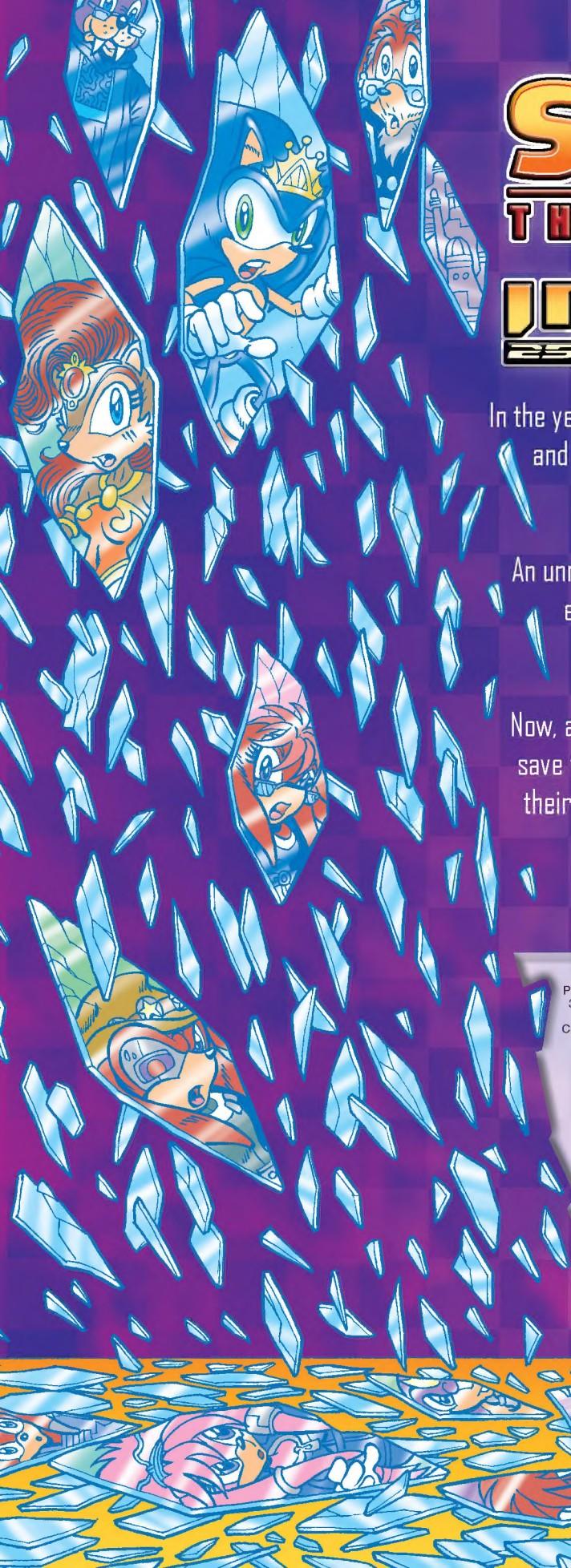
25 YEARS LATER



- BUTLER
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CONCLUDING THE
GREATEST EPIC OF THEIR TIME!

THE FUTURE ENDS...TODAY



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG **INUBIJS** 25 YEARS LATER

In the year 3262, His Royal Highness King Sonic and the guardian Knuckles have discovered that time has run out on their future.

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AS KNUCKLES PREPARES TO MEET UP WITH KING SONIC ON A MISSION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE SURVIVAL OF MOBIUS AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, THERE IS STILL A PERSONAL DETAIL OR TWO YET TO BE DEALT WITH...

--AND I'VE DISCOVERED HOW WRONG I'VE BEEN!

WHAT I THOUGHT WAS RIGHT, WELL...I WAS JUST REPEATING PAST MISTAKES--

--SO I'VE RECONSIDERED YOUR REQUEST!

YOU MEAN--

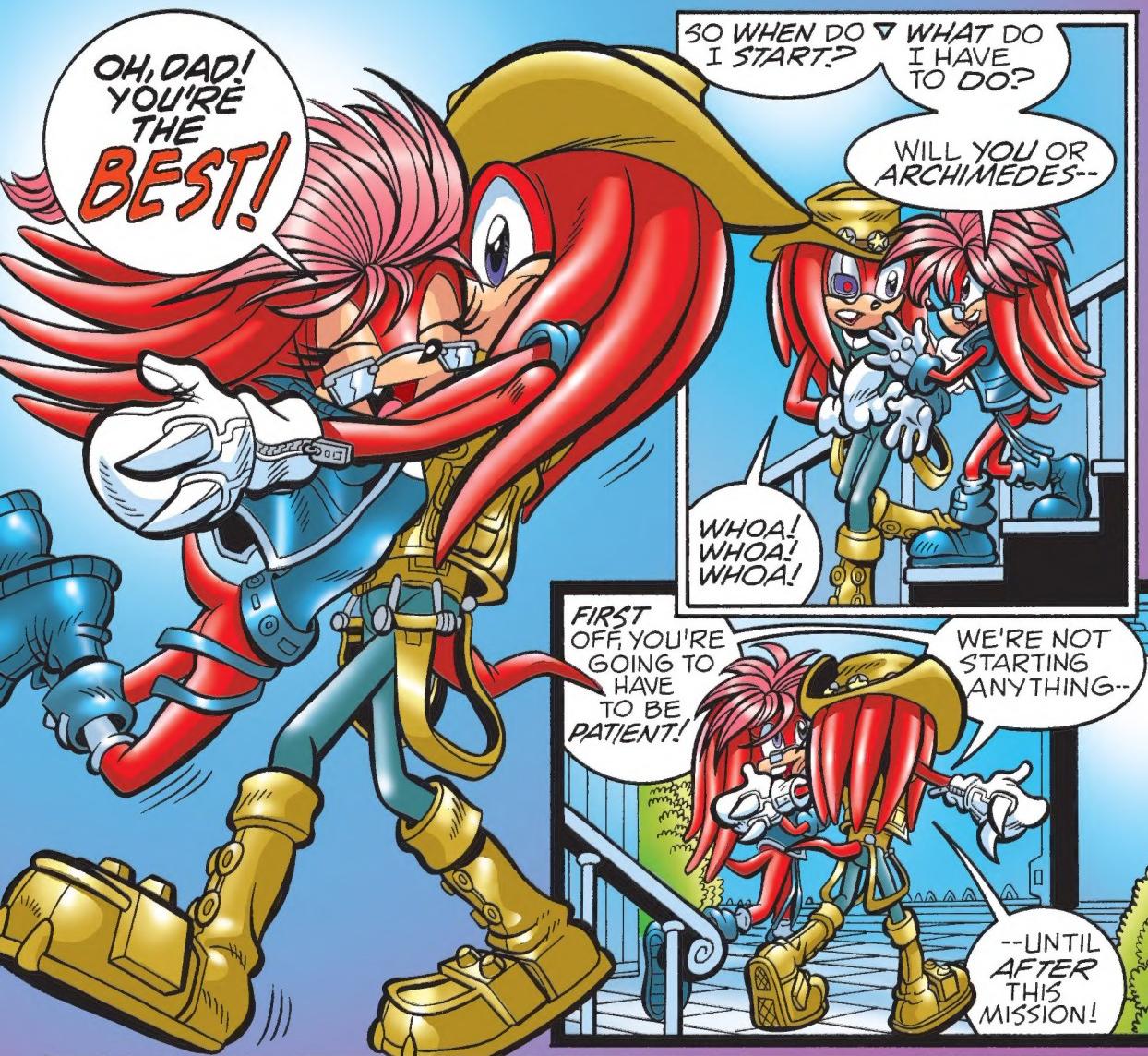
YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE NEXT GUARDIAN!

MOM SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, DAD?

YEAH, LARA-SU!

SINCE VISITING YOUR GRANDFATHER --WHOM I WILL ALWAYS REGRET YOU NEVER MET--

--I'VE BEEN DOING SOME SERIOUS THINKING THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS--



YOUR FATHER
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT NOT
COMING
BACK!

SO I LEFT
OUT A FEW
DETAILS!

WHAT ELSE
WASN'T SAID
'CAUSE YOU
DIDN'T
THINK IT
IMPORTANT?

OH, YOU
MEAN *BESIDES*
THE FACT THAT
I LOVE YOU--

--AND WANT NOTHING
MORE THAN TO SEE
YOU AND LARA-SU
ONCE AGAIN?

YOU
BETTER
GET
GOING!

SONIC'S
WAITING
FOR YOU!

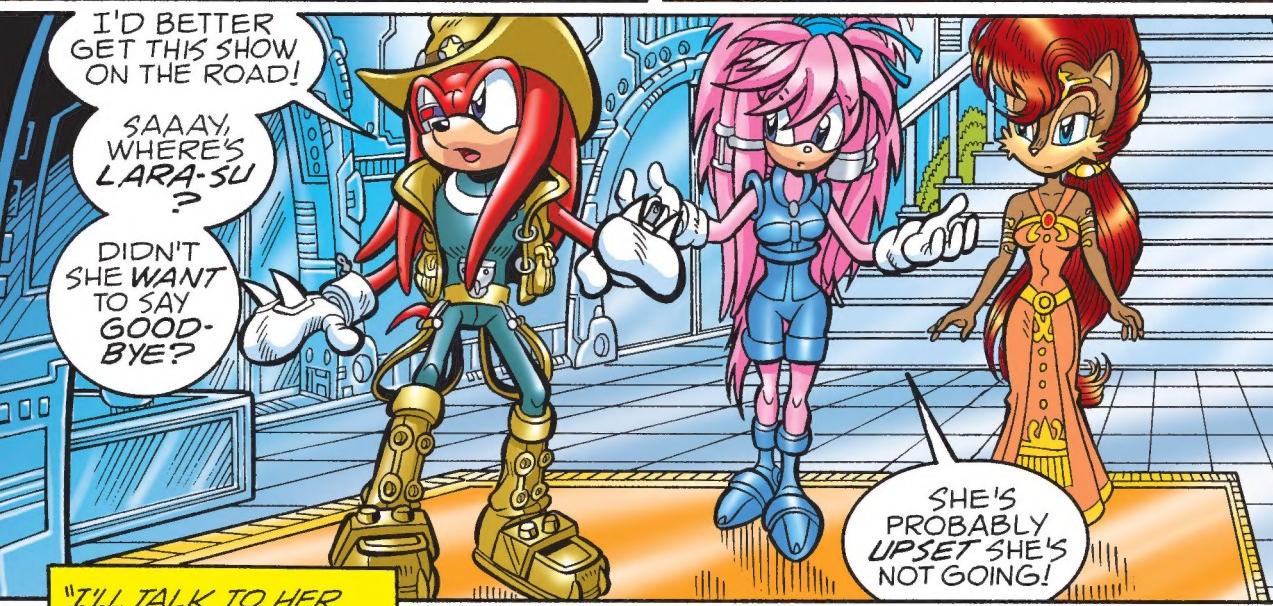
HE
HASN'T
LEFT
YET?

HAVEN'T YOU
CHECKED
OUTSIDE?

THE WEATHER'S
GOTTEN CONSIDERABLY
WORSE EVER SINCE
YOU GOT BACK!

HARRY'S
OUT FRONT,
WAITING TO
TAKE YOU
TO THE
SHUTTLE-
PORT!

YOU
THINK OF
EVERY-
THING,
DON'T YOU?



YOU THINK
THIS STORM IS AN
ABERRATION--

--OR
A SIGN
OF THINGS
GETTING
MUCH
WORSE?

IT'S DIFFICULT
TO SAY JUST YET,
KING SONIC!

WE SIMPLY DON'T
KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT
THE STORM'S NATURE
TO PROVIDE AN...
ACCURATE PROG-
NOSTICATION.

HUH?

IN LAYMAN'S
TERMS, GUARDIAN,
WE CAN'T PREDICT
THE FUTURE
IN REGARD TO
SPECIFICS, ONLY
GENERALITIES!

ARE THE
FUNKY
DAY-GLO
COLORS
PART OF
THE
SHOW?

I HAVEN'T SEEN
WILD SCENERY
SINCE I FOUGHT
ROBOTNIK IN--

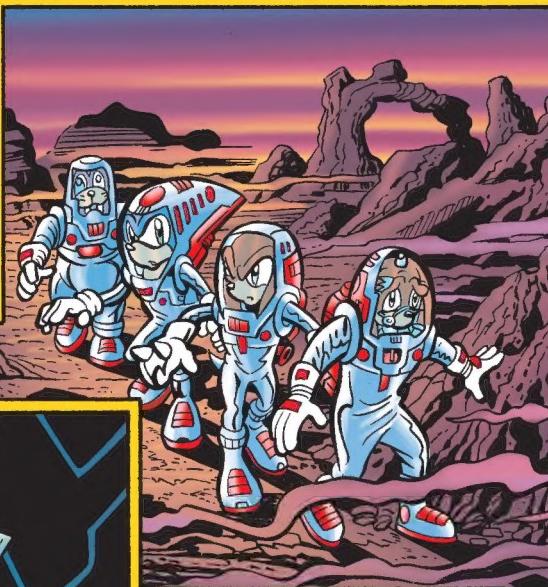
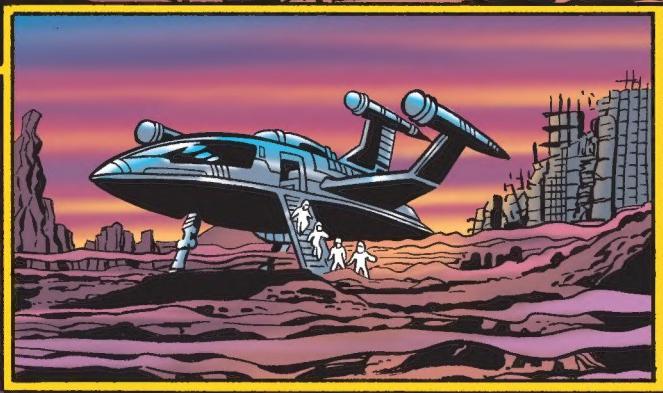
WE'RE IN THE
BADLANDS!

SHADES
OF
AURORA!

WHAT ON
MOBIUS ARE
WE DOING
HERE?!

"WHY, KNUCKLES, WHERE ELSE WOULD ONE STORE THE MOST DEADLY DEVICES KNOWN TO LIVING BEINGS--"

"--THAN IN THE MOST TOXIC, UNINHABITED WASTELAND ON ALL OF MOBILIS?"



ROBOTNIK
BUILT THIS
PLACE AS A
BACK-UP--

--A SHELTER
FROM ANY
ENEMY OR
WEAPON!

IT SEEMED
THE PERFECT
PLACE TO
STORE THE
CHAMBER!

FOR IF
IT EVER
FELL INTO
THE WRONG
HANDS...

WONDER
WHY OL'
ROBO-BUTT
NEVER
USED IT IF
IT WAS THAT
POWERFUL!

HE NEVER
GOT THE
CHANCE! THE
KING FOILED
HIS PLANS
AT THE LAST
MOMENT!

SO WILL THIS
THING WORK?

I HAD BEEN DOING
SOME PRELIMINARY
RESEARCH WITH OTHER
OBJECTIVES IN MIND--

--BUT
YES, IT
SHOULD
WORK!

GREAT!

THEN
LET'S GET
STARTED.

WHAT DO I
HAVE TO DO
TO GO BACK
?

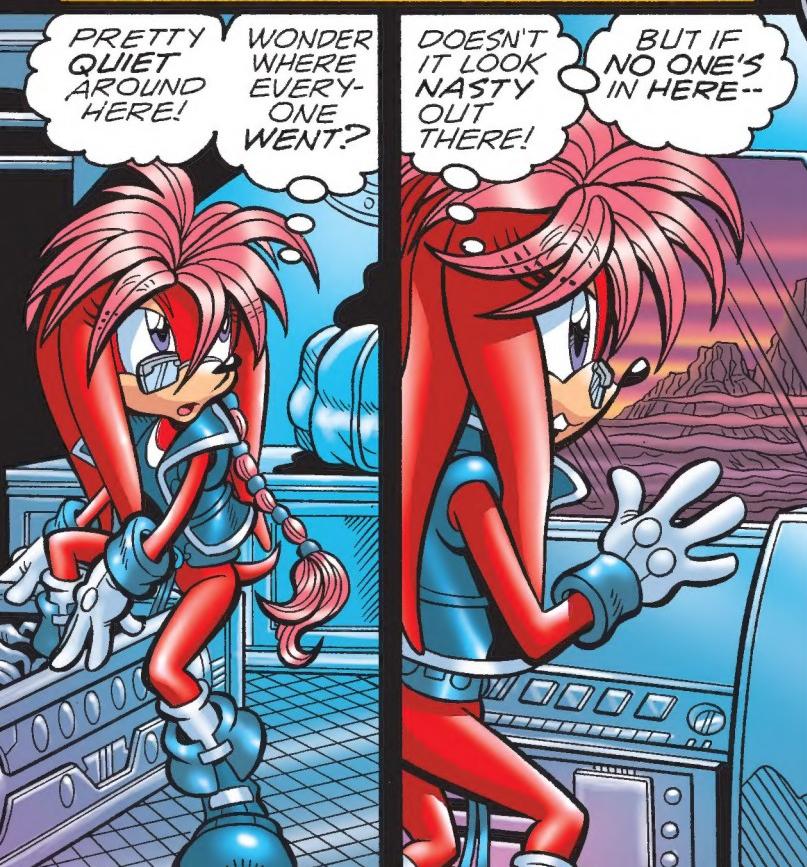
YOU,
SIRE?
BUT--
BUT--

--THINK OF THE
DOWNSIDE!

IN THEORY,
THE TACHYON
CHAMBER
SHOULD
SEND YOU
BACK IN
TIME!

IN
REALITY--

YEAH?



THE "A" CIRCUIT IS
CROSS-CIRCUITING
TO "B" BEFORE
THE PROCESS IS
COMPLETE!

SHUT
IT DOWN!
SHUT IT
DOWN!

WHAT
ABOUT
SONIC?

HE'S--
HE'S--

--GONE!"

YOU
EVER WONDER
ABOUT THE
FUTURE,
SONIC--

--IF THINGS
WILL ALWAYS
BE THIS WAY?

SOME-
TIMES!

USUALLY
IT'S WONDER-
ING...

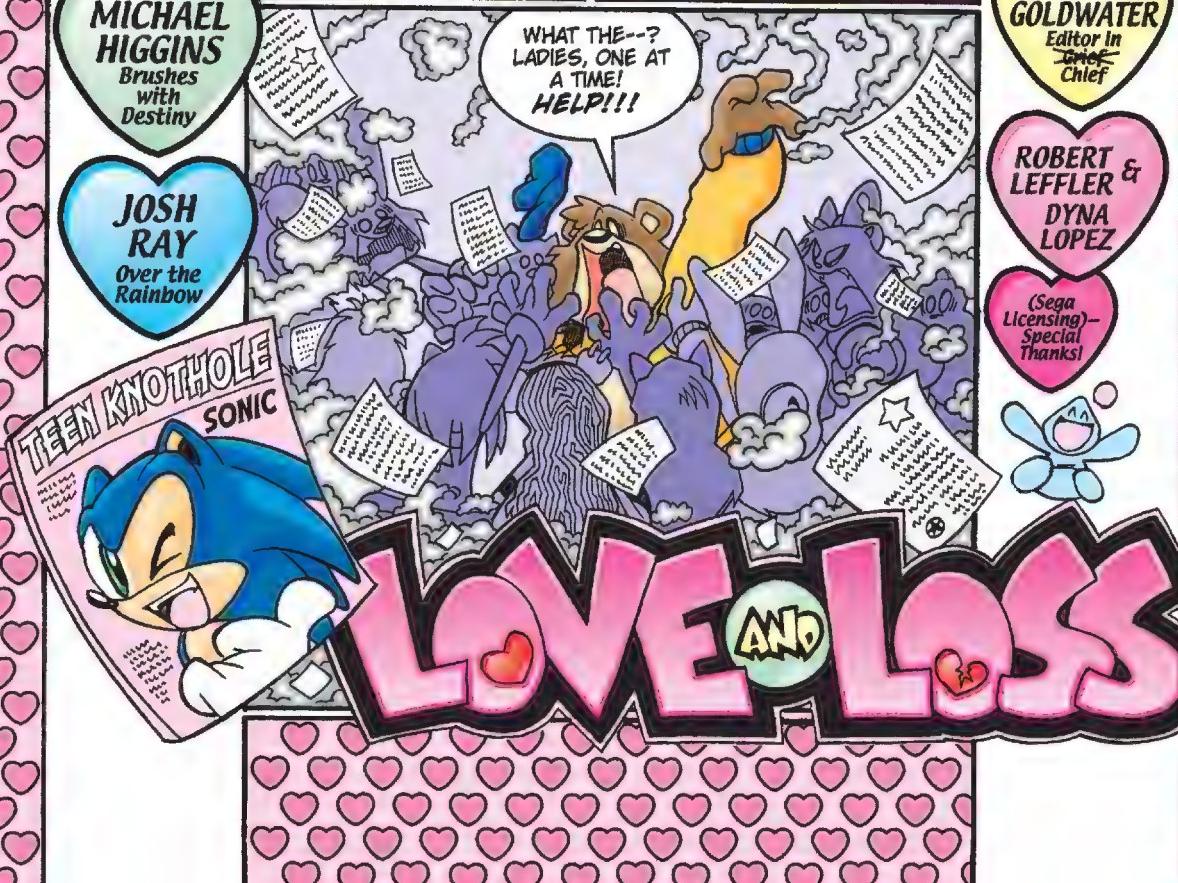
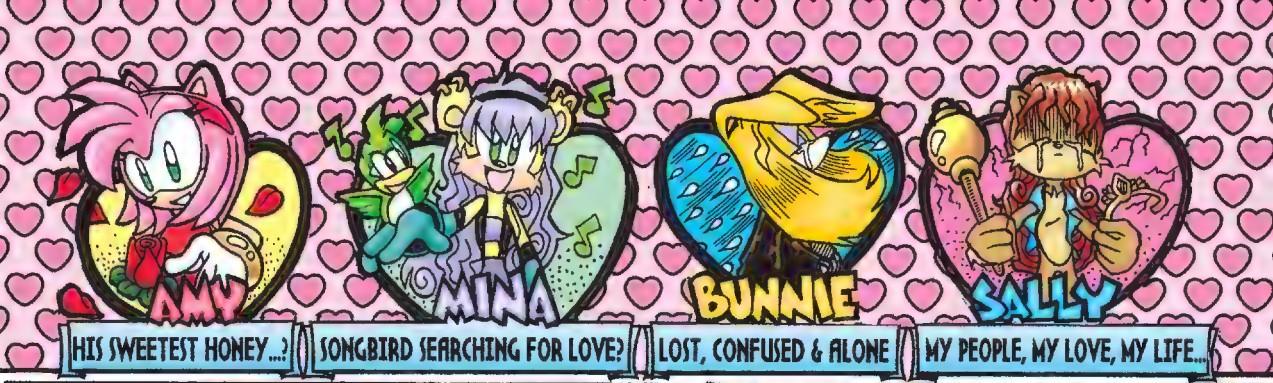
...ABOUT
WHEN
ROBO-BUTT
WILL BE A
PAIN
AGAIN!

AT THAT MOMENT,
HALF A WORLD AWAY...

WHAT ABOUT
TOMORROW?

THAT'S TOO FAR
AHEAD FOR ME
TO EVEN
THINK
ABOUT!

Though our destinies are etched in stone,
various are the means used in the carving.
—Paracleas, ancient Echidna philosopher



SAVAGES...
THEY'RE ALL
A BLUNCH
OF LUNATIC
SAVAGES...

PAPERS - 25 MOBIUMS
MAGS - 50 MOBIUMS
CANDY - 5 MOBIUMS
COMICS - 75 MOBIUMS

ALL
GONE...

WOZZAT?
HEY
KID, I'M ALL
OUT!

NUTS.

WHY DOES DA
KNOTHOLE NEWS SELL
LIKE HOTCAKES EVERY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT,
ANYWAY?

SONIC
COMICS
MONTHLY

ONE WEEK
LARRY LYNN
BAD LUCK
IS GOOD
FOR YOU

IT'S CUZ OF THE DEAR ALY "LOVE AND LOSS"
COLUMN! IT COMES OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY
AN' ALL US WOMEN IN KNOTHOLE READ IT,
SILLY. EVEN MIZ ROSIE PICKS
IT UP!

THE
KNOTHOLE NEWS
WE BRING THE NUTS TO YOU!
LOVE
AND
LOSS
MONKEY KHAN LOVE
SCANDAL! — I NEVER
EVEN MET ANY GREEN
GIBBON. Story on Page 6

YEAH,
A'
COURSE.

BYE,
MISTER!

BYE.

CALL ME
SILLY. I AINT
SILLY...

THAT EVENING...

MISS
ROSIE, I'M
HOME! WHERE'S
EVERYBODY?

SILLY
GIRL. OF
COURSE,
DEAR.

COOL! THEN LET'S
MAKE IT A WOMEN'S NIGHT
AND READ "LOVE AND
LOSS" TOGETHER!

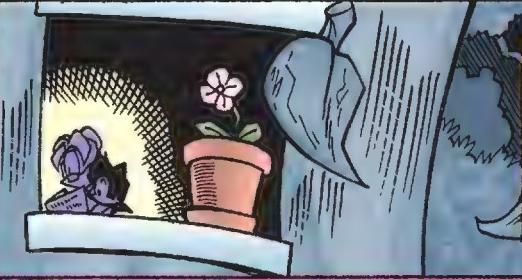
HELLO, SASHA.
SNAGGLE AND RORY
ARE PLAYING WITH THE
TWINS. AND HOPE IS
UPSTAIRS.

DIDJA
GET A
COPY?!
DIDJA?!
DIDJA?!
DIDJA?!



Dear Aly,

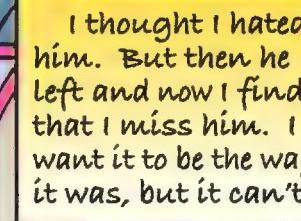
I am deeply in love with this guy and he loves me, too... at least I thought he did. We had been together for a while, and were happy. Then some time ago, something changed between us.



I'd like to think that it was just him, but I changed too. Every time we saw each other—



--we'd avoid each other like the plague and sometimes things between us would get verbally nasty.



I thought I hated him. But then he left and now I find that I miss him. I want it to be the way it was, but it can't.



A lot of times, when I'm alone, I find myself thinking about him.



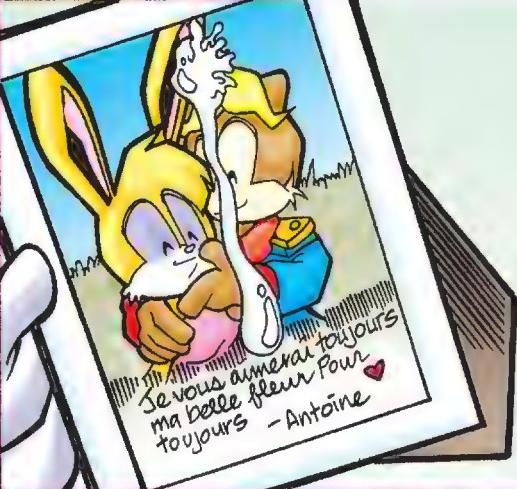
I miss his company, his funny way of talking. I miss sitting with him under the stars and knowing who loved me regardless of my appearance. I feel like my whole world has fallen apart. Aly, what can I do?

Feeling Terribly Alone



Dear Terribly Alone,

I'm sorry to hear of your troubles. It sounds to me like you don't know whether you're coming or going with this guy. Sometimes, bad things happen which make even the best of us forget what we once had. Perhaps this is the case with your ex...



You should go back to square one and win each other's trust. You two stopped communicating. With that said, do the opposite: TALK! You need to go find him and tell him exactly how you feel.

In this case, take a militaristic approach. Be straight and up front. If he tries to push you back, be covert, not sneaky. Always wondering what could have been is far worse than any embarrassment from a rejection.

To expect a male to come to you to talk about their feelings is not real life, ladies.



Dear Aly,

There is this guy I love who is in love with someone else. I tried to get him to notice me and I thought it worked, but then he admitted his love for this other person and she did the same back.

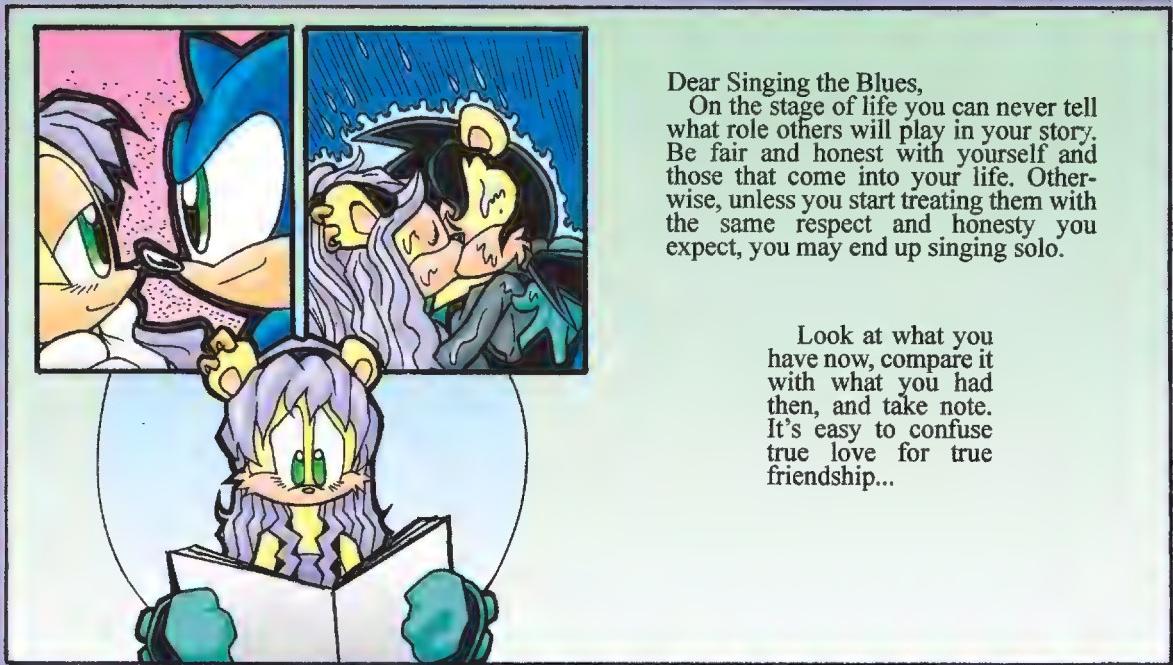




My new love would move mountains for me, but now that the other guy is back in my life, I wonder if I still have feelings for him. Every time I see him, the butterflies fly back into my stomach and have a grand party.



Now I found out this guy broke up with his girl. My mind wants me to break it off with my boyfriend to try and be with the other guy, but my heart tells me that's not right. I don't think I should ruin what I have now for something that may never be mine.



Dear Singing the Blues,

On the stage of life you can never tell what role others will play in your story. Be fair and honest with yourself and those that come into your life. Otherwise, unless you start treating them with the same respect and honesty you expect, you may end up singing solo.

Look at what you have now, compare it with what you had then, and take note. It's easy to confuse true love for true friendship...

KNOTHOLE NEWS

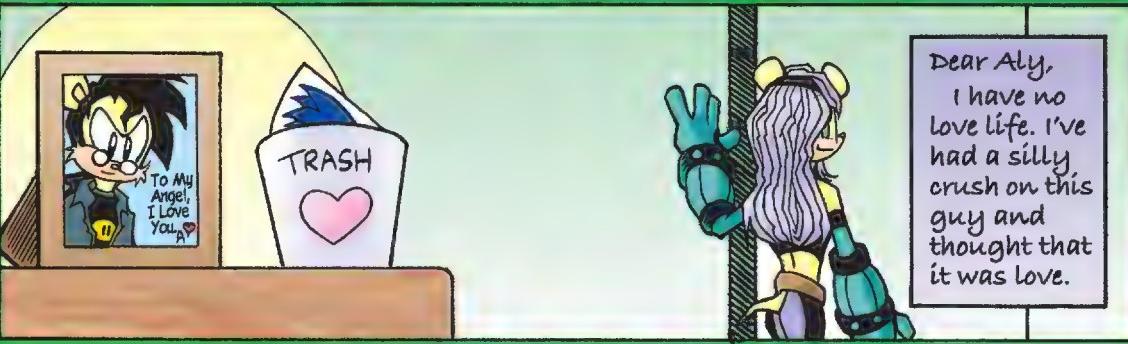
HE'S ALIVE!!
SONIC RETURNS
FROM SPACE
ADVENTURE!!



True love cannot be forced on anyone. It must be developed, nurtured and given all your attention. Your important relationships should always have the spotlight in your life. If your attention is elsewhere, what you have now may get lost in the dark.

Do not let this old crush slow down the tempo of your new relationship. A few sour notes do not ruin the show. Give your new love a chance to grow and don't be so quick to close your doors to him. Even the best duets have to practice.

Aly



I'm younger than him by a few years and I thought that's why he would never give me the time of day. I thought if I started to look and dress older then he would notice me, but that didn't work either.

TOP
APTS.

I still have a crush on him and deep down I still feel that if I were given a chance, I could be the one he needs. But I'm always ignored.

People always say that it would never work out between us. That we're too different and that I'm not mature enough. That I still have "growing to do." But I look around, and I realize that I don't like anybody else. And if we were given the chance, we could grow to love each other...

I want to fall in love but I don't know who wants to fall in love with me. I don't believe in giving up, and even if I have to chase him to the ends of the earth, I'd do so to let him know how I feel. But I wonder if I'll ever get that chance. Everyone tells me that it's just a simple crush, but in my heart I know that it's more.

I've matured, I've grown, and I'm not the same person that I used to be. But how do I let him know? I'm stuck in the middle.

Wishing for Love



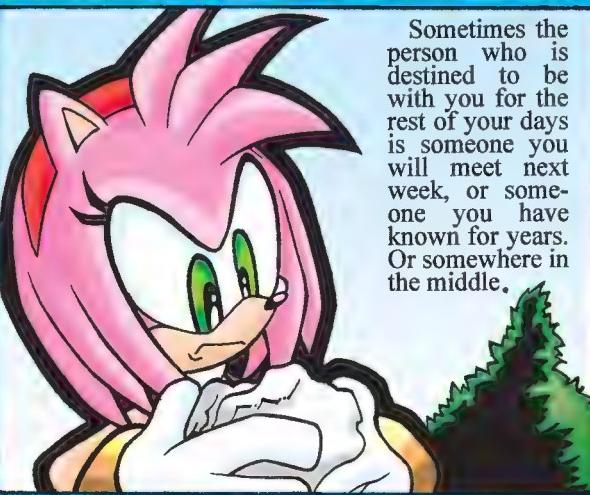


Dear Wishing for Love,

From the sound of it, you are still young and in the prime of your life. Why rush it? You never want to rush love. No matter how stuck you feel, it happens at its own pace. When people go wishing for love, sometimes they end up finding it in the wrong places--

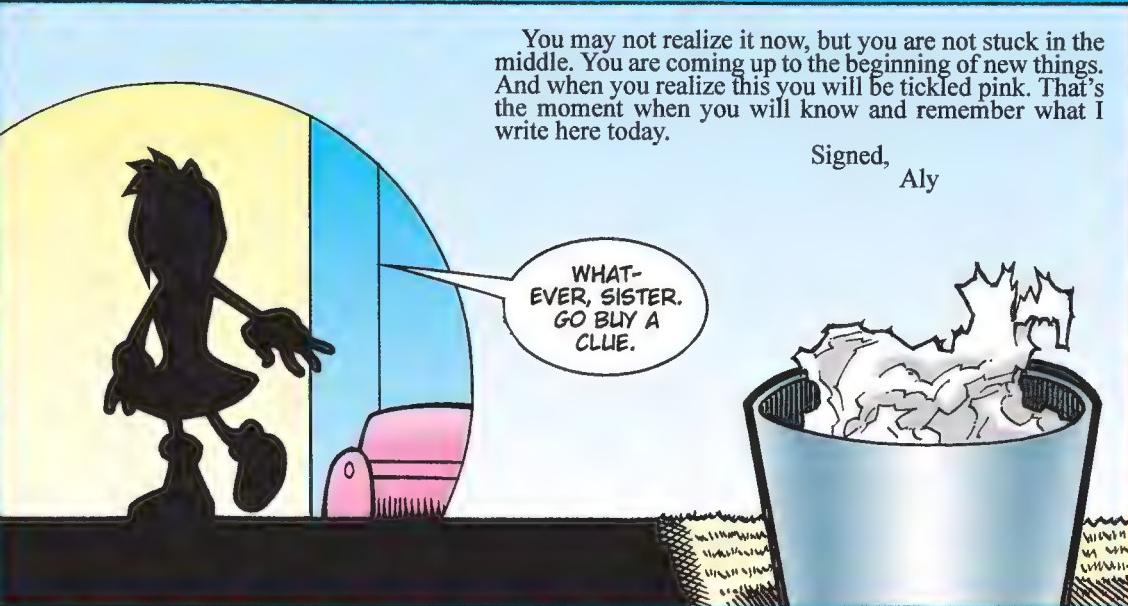


--I am sure you are rolling your eyes as you read this but please do not try to grow up too quickly. Try not to be so set on a silly crush, and when the right person comes along you will be ready.



Sometimes the person who is destined to be with you for the rest of your days is someone you will meet next week, or someone you have known for years. Or somewhere in the middle.

So, what I am trying to tell you is that being in the middle is a good place to be. You can learn from your past and look forward to your future.

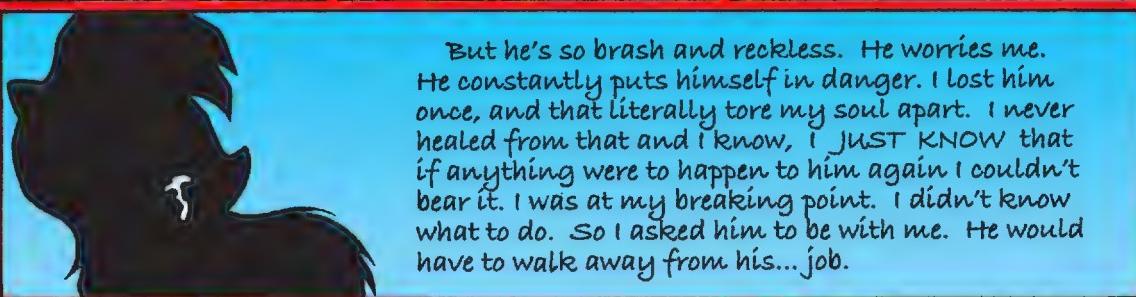


Signed,
Aly



Dear Aly,

My life is a royal mess. After years of wondering if he cared about me that way or not, going back and forth between emotions, and finally getting my parents' approval to boot, I finally get this guy to share how he feels about me and make a commitment to some day be my husband.



I gave him an ultimatum; it was either me or his job. He wouldn't choose so I chose for him. I walked. I know he's got an important job. I know he's got people that need, rely and believe in him. But so do I and I could have gotten him an even better job in my families'... business. Am I being too selfish, or is he?

Royally Scared



Dear Royally Scared,

I'm sorry to say that I feel I do not have the answers to this one. You both have good points and are valid to make the stands you have both chosen for yourselves.

The most important thing is to act like adults and talk things over. Honestly, the dramatic confrontation you described might not have been fair to him. And you may have put undo pressure on the relationship. Sometimes we get so burdened by the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life that we forget how to live and have fun. Has he forgotten, or have you?

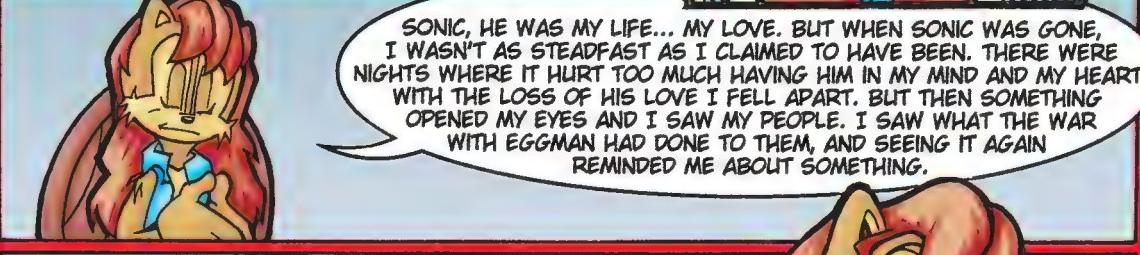
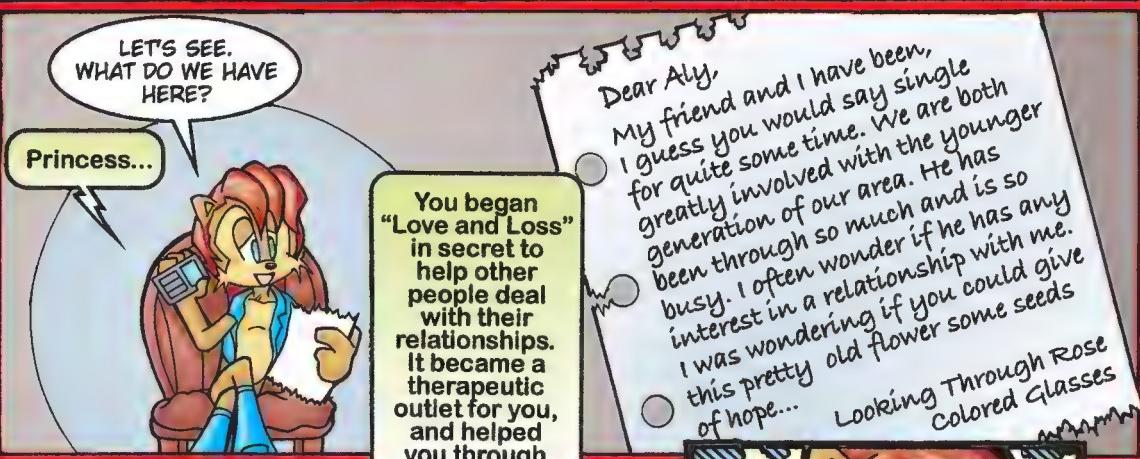
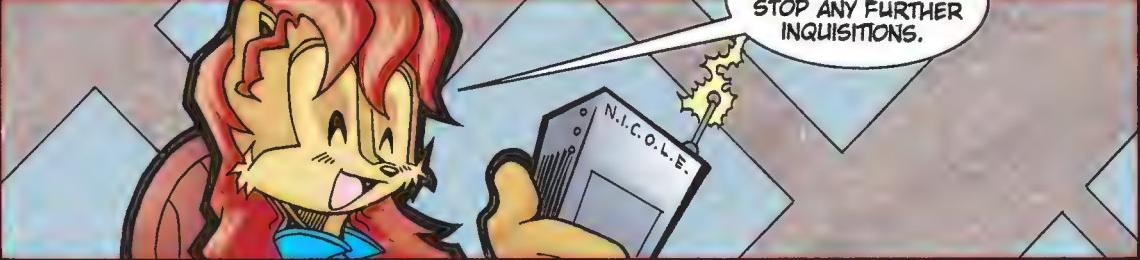
Being a strong woman doesn't mean you have to be an overbearing one. Some time apart reevaluating your life might help you both settle down. This does not mean the relationship is done but we can never tell what the future holds... Good luck. You'll need it.

Signed,
Aly

IT'S
PRINCESS SALLY'S
LETTER...

So until next week, keep a stiff upper lip, ladies, and remember, it's better to have "Love and Lost," than to have never loved at all.





THE ACORN ROYAL FAMILY



DATA-FILE:

King: Maximilian Acorn

Queen: Alicia Acorn

Son (Renounced throne):

Prince Elias Acorn

Daughter-in-law: Megan Acorn

Granddaughter: (Not Shown) Alexis

Daughter: Princess Sally Alicia Acorn

HISTORY: The royal family has shown great leadership through the ages. This has especially been proven in recent years when they helped relocate the misplaced citizens of Mobotropolis after the evil rise of Dr. Robotnik, leading them to what is now known as the Kingdom of Knothole. Finally some stability has come to the crown as of

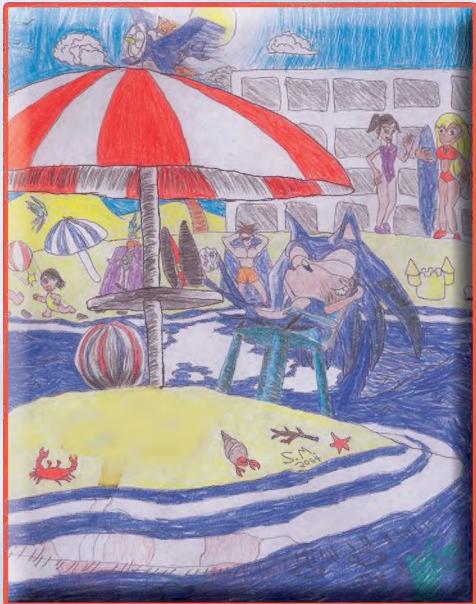
late. Prince Elias, the first in line for the crown, has recently renounced his throne after a brief time as ruler, to be with his new wife, Megan, and daughter, Alexis. Though still a presence within the royal family, he is no longer involved with any of the functions of leadership. The King and Queen are currently touring Mobius to build an alliance against Dr. Robotnik's Eggman empire. Presently, Princess Sally has been governing the kingdom in her father's absence. As the only remaining heir to the crown, this current role shall prepare her to one day become Queen.



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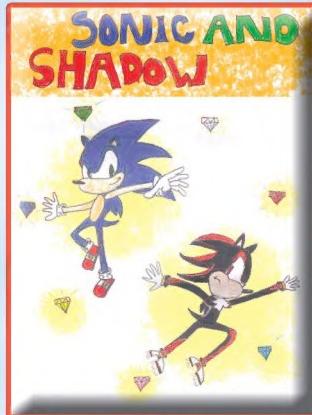
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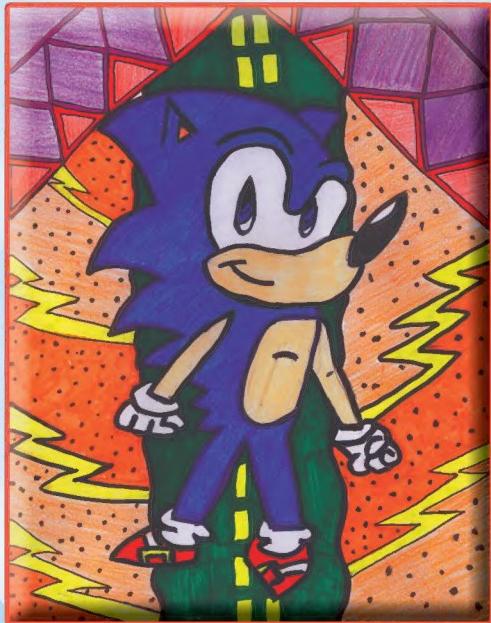
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LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE
SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I am a really, really, really big fan of Sonic! I got hooked on his comics only a couple of months ago. I was looking through a book store when I saw one of Sonic's comics on a shelf. I looked through it over and over, and have been buying these comics ever since. I was wondering something: could you put Shadow the Hedgehog in your comics?

Check out next issue when we kick off a big time showdown between Sonic and Shadow!

I'd like to see him and Sonic fight!!

We can arrange that.

I'd like to talk about Sonic for pages and pages, but that will take way too long. By the way, I'm 11-years-old. This is from Sonic's biggest fan!!

-MATT BENKARSKI
DETROIT, MI

Dear Sonic-Grams, My favorite hero is Tails. I really like the other heroes, like Sonic and Knuckles. I like Tails because he has two tails. Can you make some more Tails comic books?

For all the Tails fans out there, issues 147-151 will feature a lot of the little guy. In case you missed it the first time, you can order the TAILS mini-series from the SONIC CHECKLIST!

(Shameless Plug #1)

I have never heard of Mina the Mongoose. What kind of animal is she?

Um ...Mina the Mongoose is a mongoose, a species of the genus *Herpestes*. Learn more about the mongoose at your local library and learn more about Mina with the SONIC CHECKLIST!

(Shameless Plug #2)

-VIVI VALENZUELA
COLEVILLE, CA

Dear whoever writes these cool stories, I was wondering if you could put Cream, Cheese, Chocola, and Vanilla from SONIC X?

We have a brand new SONIC X mini-series coming out summer 2005. All your favorites will show up. It is going to be "X"cellent! Does that sound cool?

That might be cool, thanks.

-CLINT EDWARDS

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I just want to say that the comics are great. I only have issues 133 to 141 and...

What about 1-132? And the SUPER SPECIALS? And the mini-series? And the KNUCKLES series? And the trade paper backs and...sorry, I'm calm now. But, you might want to give the SONIC CHECKLIST a look.

(Shameless Plug #3)

I have all the Sonic video games for GAMECUBE and I can't wait until the next one. Do you guys know if

there is a new SONIC video game coming out?

I'm sure you can expect some new Sonic games in the future. In the meantime check out SEGA SUPER-STARS, SONIC MEGA COLLECTION, and SONIC HEROES.

Also, can you guys put Amy in the Comics?

Yup! Amy was just featured last issue, and some more stories coming up too.

I saw her in the comics, and she is my favorite!

-ALYSON YOUNGSTON
CANADA

Greetings SONIC-GRAMS. First let me say a big warm WELCOME to Mike! I've been collecting the comics for over a year now after a long hiatus in which I occupied myself with the Sonic games instead. (Though I never could beat SONIC 3)

I know what you mean, I spent like two weeks on the second board of SONIC HEROES. At times like that the best way to relax after a good Sonic game is some good Sonic comics! Any you missed on your hiatus you can find with the SONIC CHECKLIST! (Shameless Plug #4)

Anyway, I have to tell you that your character Mina is the Mobian incarnation of my best friend. Her nickname is Mina, her fave colours are purple and yellow, and she loves to sing. It FREAKED me out the first time I saw her in the comic about a year ago!

Yeah, I started growing blue spikes when I started.

I love where y'all are going with this, especially with Sal and Sonic. My personal fave part of the series at the moment is, of course, MOBIUS 25 YEARS LATER!

So how did you like the conclusion? Don't worry, we will be doing some more M25YL... in the future!

(Lara-Su is cool!) I wish you all many more years of prosperous work. May this comic live FOREVER!

-SIÂNY (pronounced Sharny) GREGORY
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Dear Sonic-Grams, I am a new fan of the Sonic comics. I have been reading them since issue 140.

Welcome aboard. In case you weren't aware, you can get your favorite back issues with the SONIC CHECKLIST page in this comic.

(Shameless Plug #5)

Something's been bugging me, what the heck is Knuckles? If you could answer that, that would be great.

Echidna (*Tachyglossus Aculeatus*) or the spiny anteater, is one of only two species of mammals called Monotremes, the other the platypus. Learn more about echidnas at your local library. Learn more about Knuckles with the SONIC CHECKLIST!

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You never can tell what the future may hold. When I started at ARCHIE several years ago, becoming editor of SONIC and an upcoming SONIC X mini-series was not something I saw coming. On the other hand, somethings make so much sense that they are very easy to predict, like fan favorite Spaz doing covers for both SONIC and the new SONIC X mini-series! (Coming summer 2005) But, I betcha' saw that one coming.

So, did anyone see the ending of M25YL coming?

I didn't think so. That is the trick to the future, some events make perfect sense, like SONIC becoming king. While other events, like TAILS and MINA marrying, seem almost impossible. A lot of fans requested that I clear up if this M25YL future is certain, or just a possibility. Well, it is a little bit of both. What this feature is, simply put is a look to the future based on Sonic's past and present.

However, to be honest, what I or anybody on the book says about the future really doesn't matter. Your's is the opinion that really matters! If all the fans of this book demand that we put Sonic in a dress, you can guess the blue blur will be in a dress. That means what you want for the future is up to you, SONIC'S fans. So just like in life, the future is what you want to make it!

I can't wait to read what you think. See 'ya in the future!

MIKE

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